



The Shire of Hartwood

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Stewed beef Ribs. Yum!

Lay on!

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huzzah FOR HARTWOOD!

Shire of Hartwood, the SCA group that includes pretty much the whole upper island (Duncan (cough cough) Nanaimo and North). We dress in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, attend events which feature tournaments, feasts, dancing, classes/workshops, and more; in the process, we to research and re-create the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. It is all about participation and having fun with it!

YOUR COUNCIL

Seneschal: Lord Ulf Treteljgar
Chatelaine: Master John MacAndrew
Master of Stables: (Position open)*
Master of Blades: Lady Muirgen
Chief Archer: Halima Al-Rakkasa
Thrown Weapons: Lord Harold of Hartwood
A&S Minister: Sarah Percy
Deputy Lady Gwynafel
Family activities: (Position open)*
Herald: Lord Harold of Hartwood
Chief Scribe: Ladyship Maulana Halima
Exchequer: Ladyship Maulana Halima
Chamberlain: (Position open)*
Chronicler: Adelheid
YAK: Lord Francios Legrand De Lyon
Web Minister: Maulana Halima
*Please apply if interested

at a glance...

Archery Practice: Resuming in the Spring
Thrown Weapons Practice: Resuming in the spring. Contact Harold of Hartwood (Howard Bevan), Chief Chucker, FMI
Fighter Practice: Nanaimo - Mondays at 5:30 to 9 pm at Camp Calliet, Nanaimo. Contact Ulf / David V Kennedy (MoS) FMI.
ARTS & SCIENCES/SOCIAL:
Comox Valley Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m.; Games and Grounds on 4th St in Courtenay; contact Sarah Schwarz/Sarah Percy FMI
Nanaimo - Contact Lisa Sigrún Simpson-Corlett FMI
Port Alberni - Contact Wendy Kennedy/Lady Gwynafel FMI
Campbell River - Thursday Evenings Check our Facebook Page for Details



TIR RIGH ARTS, SCIENCES & BARDIC

September 22nd, 2018

Lionsdale (Fraser Valley, BC)

Wow, eight months off and already we are getting early warning for an event. The reasoning is that should you be interested in participating in the Tir Righ Arts and Sciences Championships (just over in Lionsdale) that you need to start now. BTW, 90% of this was grabbed from the Tir Righ Arts and Sciences homepage (link below).

You have the option of a Championship entry, a non-championship entry (can be more than 1), and an in-depth feedback entry. Clarified below and on the Tir Righ Arts and Sciences homepage (link below).

Deadlines for entry are:

LETTER OF INTENT:

2 months prior to competition, July 22, 2018

RESEARCH PAPERS:

1 month prior to competition, August 22, 2018

ALL DOCUMENTATION:

1 week prior to competition, September 15, 2018

These deadlines allow the event coordinators time to locate and confirm the necessary judges.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- An entrant must submit a minimum of TWO entries but can enter more if so desired.
 - Only the top two scores will count towards the final total.
 - One of the two pieces can be entered unfinished.
 - Each entry can be in the form of any of the following:
 - An object (book, clothing, footwear, box, etc.)
 - A Process Piece (An experimental approach to how something was made rather than about the object its self)
 - Research paper (Only one of the entries can be a research paper (see below for more info).
- Each entry must be accompanied by documentation showing your progress, research, conclusions etc...
- Documentation is due 1 WEEK prior to competition so judges have time to read it through.
 - To clarify: You can enter 2 objects, 1 objects and a process piece, 1 object, and a research paper, 1 process piece and a research paper. The combination is up to you.
 - Each entry must be consistent with a pre-1600 date and can be from any culture within Europe or from a culture that traded with a European society. This can include Asia, North Africa and others.
 - Your pieces cannot have been previously entered at Kingdom level.
- A piece can have been entered at the Principality level previously but only if there has been significant notable changes (you should be able to discuss these changes with the judges)."

Once you complete your documentation I strongly recommend you go through the judging form and make sure your documentation answers all the questions. It will also help you prepare for the verbal portion when the judges ask questions.

We will be using these judging forms at Hartwood's Yule next year for the A&S portion of the judging.

Master John Macandrew,
Craftsman (similar to A&S Champion),
Shire of Hartwood

TIR RIGH ARTS AND SCIENCES HOMEPAGE

<http://as.tirrigh.org/home/championship/>

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

http://www.tirrigh.org/downloads/artsci/011_AS_ChampionshipEntry.pdf

JUDGING FORM

http://www.tirrigh.org/downloads/artsci/007_AS_Objects.pdf



hartwood's champions



Heavy Champion:
Wulfgar Bradax

Archery Champion:
Borgar

Thrown Weapons:
Korbinian

Rapier Champion:
Asa Martel

Bardic Champion:
Halima Al-Rakkasa

Craftsman Champion:
John MacAndrew

time to make plans...

FEBRUARY

17-18 **Tir Righ Investiture** Shire of Hartwood
24 **Lionstage**, Barony of Lions Gate

MARCH

02-04 **Kingdom A&S & Rapier Championship**
Barony of Glymm Mere
10 **Daffodil** Barony of Seagirt
24 **Canterbury Fayre** Barony of Lions Gate
30-02 **Island Fall Faire** Barony of Seagirt

APRIL

14 **Tournament of Roses** Shire of Danescombe
20-23 **Hartwood/Seagirt TUTOR** Shire of Hartwood

MAY

05 **Lions Gate Champions** Barony of Lions Gate
12-13 **Fjordland Rising** Shire of Fjordland
18-20 **May Crown** Shire of Ramsgaard
25-27 **Sealion War** Barony of Lions Gate

JUNE

08-10 **Tir Righ Coronet** Barony of Tir Bannog
16 **Lionsdale Champions** Barony of Lionsdale
29-1 **Ducal War North V** Shire of Coill Mhor

JULY

04-08 **An Tir/West War**
06-08 **Stranded Mermaid** Shire of False Isle
20-22 **Coronation** TBA

AUGUST

03 - 06 **Tournament of Armies** Barony of Lions Gate
11 **Sergeants, Yeoman and Gallants** Barony of Seagirt
17 - 19 **Hartwood Fall Champions** Shire of Hartwood
24 - 26 **Tir Righ August Investiture**
31 - 03 **September Crown** Barony of Dragon's Lair

Expect this list to expand, keep up to date at
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/>

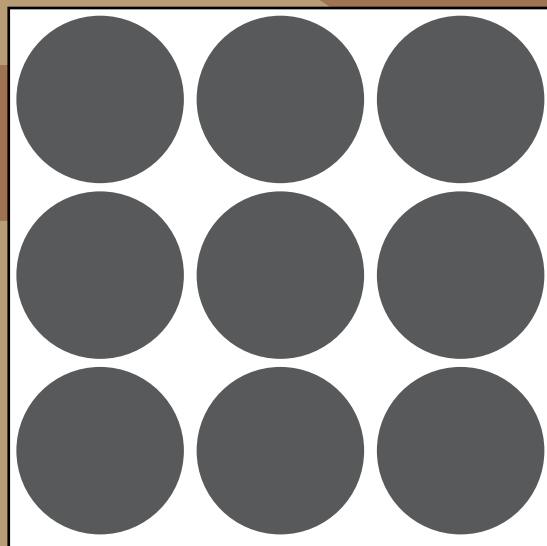


seasonal archery challenge

by Anikó Melyes

If you have access to an indoor range (15 and 20 yards) I strongly encourage archers to take advantage of the seasonal shoot this year. It is fun and it offers a chance to work on some skills we often push aside.

This year's seasonal shoot is a tic tac toe game (see below)



which involves the entire face of the target. You get one point for each arrow hitting a circle and 5 points for each line created. The only 'catch' is that you can only score each line once, meaning you can't put two arrows in each of the top three circles and get 10 points, it would actually be scored as 6 + 5 (one point for each arrow and one line).

The shoot involves 4 ends: a static round of 6 arrows and a 30 second timed round at both 15 and 20 yards.

The seasonal shoot goes until the end of February so there is still time to compete. If you find a sunny day or if you happen to come down island to Seagirt on a weekend come join in the fun!

daffodil approaches!

Join the Baron and Baroness of Seagirt in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of their Barony!

Vie for the title of Defender of Seagirt (armoured combat) or to be the Captain of the Baroness' Own Grenadiers (rapier), both with rich treasure troves of handmade prizes. Another treasure trove will be given as a door prize!

Our gentler contests include the traditional Daffodil in any Medium, Costume Contest (novice & advanced), a Seagirt Rises Bardic Competition, Masks of the Sea Competition, and Name the Seagirt Orca contest!

From 11-3pm we will be running a slate of archery related classes and a round table discussion, and a second slate of varied arts and sciences classes. Merchants will be offer their wares during the day, and day food will be available for a fee.

During the evening, we will have a fully served feast with dishes from Seagirt's proud history including Hedgehogs, Chicken as Lizard & Samian Cheesecake! Stay for dancing and merriment afterwards...

Entrance Fee and Feast for Adults:

Note: \$5 Member Discount on all Adult Tickets

Adult Entrance & Feast:

Before Feb.15th \$35; After Feb.15th \$40

Youth & Children Entrance & Feast:

Youth 13-18: \$15

Children 5-12: \$10

Children under 5: FREE

Entrance Fee (No Feast):

Adults: \$25

Youth & Children: FREE

For tickets please contact HL Edward Holgove (Ted Godwin).

Feast and Entry Combo tickets will only be sold in advance! NO combo tickets will be sold at the door. Feast ticket cut off will be March 7th. All tickets are non-refundable.

Please make cheques payable to "Barony of Seagirt"



OUR amazing royals



**Their Royal Majesties of An Tir
Count Savaric de Porte des Lions
and Countess Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir**



**Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,
Prince William Mac Brennan and
Princess Nadezhda Toranova**



**Their Excellencies of Tir Righ,
Tanist VikingR and
Ban Tanist Lishinia**

(Apologies as the web didn't have the info posted yet.)

*Photos and information
from antir.sca.org/
[WhosWho/](#) and
[facebook](#)*

what is the COUNCIL?

What makes the Shire work? The answer is maybe not what you would immediately think, but in truth, the answer is, "everyone." Everyone makes up all the different facets of this Shire and adds to its rich tapestry in their own way.

Some of have skill sets or a desire to learn and participate on a more in-depth basis and they are great candidates for what we call the Shire's 'Council.'

The Council is composed of a Seneschal (leader/guide), Exchequer (treasurer), Chamberlain (keeps track of our belongings), Chatelain (public liasion), as well, there are those who take care of more 'compartmentalized' things like Archery, Master of Stables (for heavy fighters), Master of Blades (for rapier fighters), Chronicler (taker of minutes, notes and distribution of propoganda), Arts & Sciences (watching and keeping us motivated with our crafty endeavours), Herald (*so many jobs rolled into one!*), Childrens' Activities Coordinator and other positions.

Our main purpose is to sustain a healthy Shire, who's population is engaged, growing, participating and functioning in the SCA. Oftentimes that takes creativity, brainstorming, event planning, bookkeeping, organizing and so much more! We always welcome your input.

Our goal is to always have a deputy or two for every single position, and that there is always engagement, learning, experience and interest in what is happening at the level of Council. If you are interested, you are welcome to attend a Council meeting as the they are open. If you are interested in becoming a deputy, come to a meeting and let us know what you may be interested in. Likely we will have a good fit for you!

upcoming council meetings

March 18

April 15

May 16 - online

June 10

July 15

August 12

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 9

- Financial Committee only



Tir Righ investiture

Whispers carried upon the Autumn Winds bring rumor that Tir Righ will soon have an Heir to the Storm Thrones. In the Shire of Hartwood, Prince Liam and Princess Nadezhda shall step down and bow before the new Prince and Princess of Tir Righ: Vikingr and Lishinia!

As well, not only will this Event host the Rapier Championship to select the new Scar for Tir Righ but there will be contests and activities for Heavy Combat, Archery, Thrown Weapons, and an A&S Largess Competition.

SITE: Cowichan Exhibition Grounds
7380 Trans Canada Hwy Duncan, BC
The Site will open at 9:00 on February 17 and closes at 12:00 noon on February 18, 2018.

Registration fee is \$25.00, less \$5 for members with proof of membership; children and youth are free. Students and seniors receive a \$5 discount, upon display of valid Identification. Please make checks payable to the "Shire of Hartwood".

...Hotel booking information is now available. Booking is online only.

A Block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn. All rooms include a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free Wi-Fi, parking, access to our indoor mineral pool, hot tub and fitness facilities. All rates listed are based on double occupancy; additional adults are \$15+taxes.



Photo by Christina 'Alessandra' Grant

Recipe of the season

beef y-stywyd

PERIOD: England, 15th century | **SOURCE:** Harleian MS 279 | **CLASS:** Authentic

DESCRIPTION: Stewed beef ribs

ORIGINAL RECEIPT: .vj. Beef y-Stywyd. Take fayre beef of þe rybbys of þe fore quarterys, an smyte in fayre pecys, an wasche þe beef in-to a fayre potte; þan take þe water þat þe beef was soþin yn, an strayne it þorw a straynowr, an sethe þe same water and beef in a potte, an let hem boyle to-gederys; þan take canel, clowes, maces, graynys of parise, quibibes, and oynons y-mynced, perceli, an sawge, an caste þer-to, an let hem boyle to-gederys; an þan take a lof of brede, an stepe it with brothe an venegre, an þan draw it þorw a straynoure, and let it be stulle; an whan it is nere y-now, caste þe lycour þer-to, but nowt to moche, an þan let boyle onys, an cast safroun þer-to a quantyte; þan take salt an venegre, and cast þer-to, an loke þat it be poynaunt y-now, & serue forth.

- Austin, Thomas. *Two Fifteenth-Century Cookery-Books*. Harleian MS. 279 & Harl. MS. 4016, with extracts from Ashmole MS. 1429, Laud MS. 553, & Douce MS 55. London: for The Early English Text Society by N. Trübner & Co., 1888.

GODE COOKERY TRANSLATION: Ste wed Beef. Take fair beef of the ribs of the fore quarters, and smite in fair pieces, and wash the beef into a fair pot; then take the water that the beef was washed in, and strain it through a strainer, and boil the same water and beef in a pot, and let them boil together; then take cinnamon, cloves, mace, grains of paradise, cubebs, and minced onions, parsley, and sage, and cast there-to, and let it boil together; then take a loaf of bread, an steep it with broth and vinegar, and then draw it through a strainer, and let it be still; and when it is nearly done, add the liquid there-to, but not to much, and then let boil once, and add saffron there-to a quantity; then take salt and vinegar, and add there-to, and look that it taste poynaunt enough, & serve forth.

INGREDIENTS:

Beef ribs
Cinnamon Sticks
Cloves (powder)
Mace
Grains of Paradise
(or sub Cardamom)
Cubeb (or sub Black Pepper)
Onions, minced
Parsley, chopped
Sage
Unseasoned Bread Crumbs
Red Wine Vinegar
Saffron
or a few drops of yellow food coloring
Salt

DIRECTIONS: Place the ribs in a large pot; cover with water. Bring to a boil; add all spices except saffron & salt & reduce heat to a simmer. Continue simmering until the beef is completely cooked. Remove some of the broth; with a wire whisk, thoroughly blend the broth, red wine vinegar, & bread crumbs into a smooth gravy-like consistency. When the beef has cooked, add some of this mixture to the pot, just enough to slightly thicken the broth. Be sure that this thickening agent has thoroughly blended with the broth. Return to a boil and cook for several more minutes. Reduce heat, add salt to taste and enough additional vinegar to give it a slightly sharp taste - it needs to be "poynaunt." Remove the cinnamon sticks. Serve forth!



lay on!

RAPIER is happening in HARTWOOD!

by Muirgen ni Bhriain

Rapier practice has seen strong attendance in our wonderful little Shire. We have been very fortunate to have people coming up from Seagirt on a regular basis.

Practices have been taking place on the first Monday of the month at the First Scout Hut in Nanaimo, and are ongoing for the season. We have hosted up to 11 rapier fighters at once in the little hut. People are travelling from North Hartwood and Seagirt as well to join our core group. We've even had our lovely princess come up to play.

Our regular practices are usually attended by at least 3 fighters.

We have fighters of all experience levels, from brand new to well seasoned veterans. Some people have only been playing a short time, but challenge all with the impressive skills they have learned.

There's always room for more people to join in, some loaner gear available, and someone willing to teach.

We have also recently started to introduce cut and thrust, beginning with long sword techniques, comparing German and Italian styles. We're looking forward to entering

into that eric with a splash.

We are starting to get ready for tournament season, which is fast approaching with Daffodil coming up fast. (March 10/2018)

War season will be following, so war drills are going to start up soon. How to work as a unit, and tactics on the field will be forthcoming. We're going to be a force to be reckoned with.

Looking forward to seeing more people joining our force, or just coming out to play. Everyone is welcome.



WODEN AND THE GRAIL

A Poem by John MacAndrew

And Odin hung for nine days
from the Earth's One Tree,
his eye gouged for wisdom gained,
a loss so he could see.

He waited long upon this throne
as Godlike days passed.
For the future he'd wait to see;
how to make his time last.

The One-God was coming
for this was surely told
but how to manage tomorrow
for the long lost Gods of old.

His wolves, and horse, and crows
they stood and gathered near
looking long for his wisdom
against the lives they held so dear.

Then Odin smiled upon the ninth day
for the answer there did lie
within the Earthen Tree
he had helped himself to tie.

Lowered now to the ground,
sodden by his many tears,
he drew nigh his greatest friends
those who waited the many years.

Turning to the tree he drew
deep from within its heart
a living chalice made of wood
from which to make a start.

Come my friends gather round
and for the past do not wail
as we hold the future steady now
within this Earthen Holy Grail.



see you next issue!

